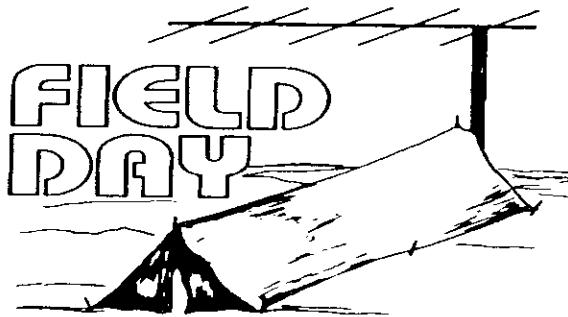


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2003

Field Day is once again upon us and with in a few days it will be here. This year is somewhat different than in past years. Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is going to set up at a different location, Hendricks County in Avon.

MARC and the Hendricks County club will be located at the City Park near the Avon City building. Plans are to have many things going on that will be fun and family orientated. The Red Cross also plans to be there with some of their equipment and information for those who attend.

A fun time should be had by all that attend and the public exposure for Ham Radio will be exceptional. According to the Avon club there should be good attendance.

The MARC club meeting that will be held on Saturday June 21st at 8:00 AM will be a meeting you will want to attend. Final preparations for Field Day 2003 will be made then.

There is always a need for more radio operators to work the stations. Field Day is more than just a contest working for points. It is a time for Hams to get together have fun and also see how well their stations can work for 24 hours in remote locations. This also gives Hams a chance to let the public see for themselves what amateur radio is about and how it can serve the public during emergencies.

What a great combination!

Fire trucks, strawberries and ham radio. Several MARC members set up shop at the White River Township Fire Departments annual Strawberry Festival held Saturday June 14th.

Bob Wood-K8AGH, Chuck Mosier-KB9TEO, Ernest Clark-KB9SKI and Jack Parker-W8ISH wowed the crowd with amateur radio technology and demonstrations. Many other MARC members stopped by with an extra chair to help answer questions and enjoy the strawberry shortcake.

This was the eleventh year for the festival. Proceeds are used to purchase special rescue equipment not covered in the yearly budget.

The mini-field day operation featured HF radio, 2meter/70cm, APRS, SSTV, PSK31 and amateur satellite. All this was covered by a tent. Bob Wood-K8AGH brought a portable weather station which helped track the changing weather conditions during the weekend event. It also came in handy for wind speed and direction when LifeLine flew in for an automobile extrication and rescue demonstration. Several dozen people stopped by during the day to see what amateur radio had to offer.

The increased foot traffic to our tent resulted from a better location near the fire apparatus at the entrance of the festival. We shared our location with Tug Sutton and the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency. Our thanks to everyone who came to eat, chat and share the amateur radio experience with the public.

- W8ISH



Bob Wood - K8AGH
Sets up his well-equipped truck for the Strawberry Festival.

RADIO CLUB GARAGE SALE

It is a good time to clear out that closet, clean out the garage and tidy-up the basement. The second annual Mid-State Amateur Radio Club Garage Sale is almost here. The club needs your donations of used and/or new items for the garage sale.

Contact Carol Osborne at 535-3922 for more information.

The Garage Sale will take place on Friday and Saturday August 8 & 9, 10 AM to 9 AM.
Location: 149 Mooreland Drive, Whiteland, Indiana 46184

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HAMFESTS

July 12	Indianapolis Hamfest , Camp Sertoma, http://www.indyhamfest.com
July 19	WVARA Tailgate Party , Terre Haute IN, Northside Bingo Hall, 7339 N Clinton Rd, Talk-in 146.685(-)(PL 151.4), 8AM-1PM, Info donpine@abcs.com
Aug. 3	Land-of-Lakes Hamfest , Angola IN, sharon.l.brown@gte.net
Aug. 10	Greentown Hamfest , Greentown IN, K9NQW , http://www.grantarc.com/greentown.html
Nov. 15-16	Indiana State Convention , Fort Wayne IN , http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com
Dec. 14	HARCfest , Greenfield IN, Greenfield Central High School, Talk-in 145.330r, 8AM-2PM, Info kb9vzl@msn.com

NOTICE THE SUPPER CLUB IS CHANGING FROM WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY STARTING JUNE 5TH

JUNE 5--SISTERS PLACE 215 TERRACE CORNER OF TERRACE AND MADISON
INDIANAPOLIS

JUNE- 12 -SQUEALERS BBQ. ST. RD. 144 AND ST. RD. 67 NORTH EAST CORNER
MOORESVILLE IN.

JUNE 19-OLD COUNTRY BUFFET SOUTHERN PLAZA I-465 AND US 31 SOUTH

JUNE 26-MI-PUEBLO MEXICAN 601 W BANTA AND US 31 SOUTH FRANKLIN IN

JULY 3-FRIDAY'S BETWEEN LS AYES AND J. C. PENNY'S GREENWOOD PARK MALL US 31
SOUTH

JULY 10- ATHENA'S GREEK NORTHWOOD PLAZA FRANKLIN IN.

JULY 17- TRIGGERS MORGANTOWN IN. GO TO STOP LITE TURN RIGHT BIG RED BLDG.

JULY -24 GOLDEN CORRAL COLUMBUS IN. TALK IN ON 146.835 AND 146.790

JULY 31- HERITAGE HOUSE SMORGASBORD 4990 U.S. 31 SOUTH AND I-465
INDIANAPOLIS IN.

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INARRL BULLETIN 024-2003 14:05:00 EST 06/11/2003 de
KB9BVN

RE:Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act June 11,
2003 -

Today in Washington DC, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, testified on behalf of House Resolution 713 "Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act". If approved, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act would amend the Communications Act to require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC reallocates primary amateur allocations, reduces any secondary amateur allocations, or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs.

Haynie has said he's looking forward to the opportunity to state the League's case. Haynie's appearance in support of the legislation is considered critical to enhancing the measure's credibility, and it marks a major step toward getting HR 713 through Congress this year.

The most recent cosponsors to sign aboard HR 713 include representatives Sam Farr (D-CA), Edolphus Towns (D-NY), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), Steve Israel (D-NY), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), Clay Shaw Jr (R-FL), John Duncan Jr (R-TN), Dennis Rehberg (R-MT), David Price (D-NC), Gary Miller (R-CA) and Bart Stupak (D-MI).

Indiana Representatives appear to be missing from the list of co-sponsors. HR 713 is sponsored by Florida Republican Michael Bilirakis, a subcommittee member. Idaho Republican Michael Crapo has introduced an identical version of the legislation, S 537, in the US Senate.

Haynie continues to encourage ARRL members to urge their senators and representatives and to cosponsor the bills. A sample letter is available on the ARRL Web site. Those writing their lawmakers are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail. Sample Letter:
<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html#sample>

60 METER BAND OPENS JULY 1ST

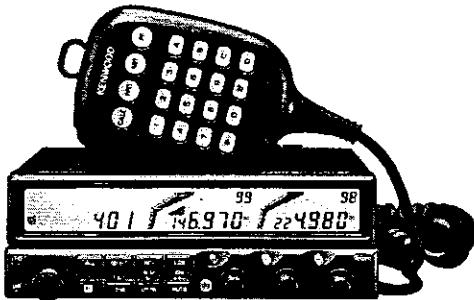
It has been almost a dozen years since a new band has opened to amateurs here in the US. The five 2.8 KHz channels for use by General, Advanced and Extra Class licensees can use upper sideband (USB) phone and limited to fifty watts.

The channels are as follows:

- 1 5.332 upper
- 2 5.348 upper
- 3 5.368 upper
- 4 5.373 upper
- 5 5.405 upper (shared with the UK)

You are encouraged to keep a log of your contacts to see how well the band is doing propagation etc. This part of the spectrum may prove to be useful for it is generally quieter than some of the other bands in use. It will not be used for contesting due to its shared bases. It may be worth to drop in and see what is happening on this new part of the amateur spectrum.

FOR SALE



KENWOOD- 642 A TRI-BAND MOBILE
\$425.00

SEE Tom Achors- KB9RBB

(not a picture of the actual radio)

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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets at 0800 EST the third Saturday of each month at the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center in the Emergency Operations Center. All hams are encouraged to attend this meeting and VE testing is held January through November after the meeting has ended.

MARC operates the 146.835 MHz - (151.4 PL) repeater and all hams are welcome to use it.

For more information please visit our club web page at: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

